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**In Re: Petition of Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC for
Exemption Under T.C.A. § 65-5-208(c)
TRA Docket No. 03-00211**

Dear Mr. Thornton,

As you may recall, the Directors of the Authority entered an Order in this docket on October 21, 2003 holding this proceeding in abeyance pending the resolution of TRA Docket No. 02-01221. The Authority had determined that the disposition of issues in Docket No. 02-01221 may result in resolving or shaping the issues raised in this proceeding. On June 2, 2004, the Hearing Officer in Docket No. 02-01221 issued an order granting the motion of Ben Lomand Communications to withdraw its complaint, which dismissed the complaint with prejudice and closed that docket.

The Order holding this proceeding (Docket No. 03-00211) in abeyance, contemplates that this proceeding will be reactivated at the conclusion of Docket No. 02-01221. Nevertheless, there has been no resolution of the issues raised in that docket. In light of this, please advise whether your client intends to pursue this petition. If so, please file a motion requesting the Directors to reactivate this docket. If not, please file a notice of withdrawal of the petition, requesting that this docket be closed.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please respond within ten (10) days of the date of this letter.

Very truly yours,

J. Richard Collier
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General Counsel

cc: Docket File No. 03-00211
 H. LaDon Baltimore, Esq.